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BOSWORTH (EB) AND MOREY (IO) (C) STATE 184119,  
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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING A DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION, A CONTACT  
GROUP AGREED ON THE TEXT OF THE OMNIBUS ECONOMIC RESOLUTION  
AUGUST 4. DESPITE OUR BASIC DOUBTS ABOUT SOME OF THE  
LANGUAGE, WE WENT ALONG PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF WESTERN  
SOLIDARITY--ESPECIALLY WITH CANADA AS CIEC CO-CHAIRMAN--  
AND TO AVOID THE TWIN RISKS OF US ISOLATION (OR NEAR  
ISLOATION) ON THE TEXT AS A WHOLE OR OF A SPLIT AMONG THE  
G-8. WE GAINED SOME SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS. THE CONSEN-  
SUS TEXT WILL BE FORMALLY APPROVED IN ECOSOC AUGUST 5  
AND WE PLAN TO MAKE A SHORT STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

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2. FOLLOWING AN INCONCLUSIVE OUTCOME IN THE CONTACT  
GROUP ON AUGUST 3, USDEL AND OTHERS AT A WORKING DINNER  
DECIDED TO SET UP A SMALL DRAFTING GROUP UNDER THE  
CHAIRMANSHIP OF ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKE (IVORY COAST).

PRIOR TO THE DRAFTING GROUP SESSION AUGUST 4, KEY WESTERN DELEGATIONS CAUCUSED (US, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, AND UK). AS WE HAD ANTICIPATED, THE LATE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL A COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR FLEXIBILITY INDICATED IN TELCON WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOSWORTH. APART FROM OUR GOING BACK ON LANGUAGE WE HAD TABLED PURSUANT TO REFTEL C--AND ALMOST CERTAINLY BREAKING UP THE NEGOTIATION UNDER BITTER CIRCUMSTANCES--THE CANADIAN DELEGATION EXPLICITLY STATED THAT IT WOULD, IF NECESSARY, PART COMPANY WITH OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN VOTING ON CIEC LANGUAGE IT CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE. THIS INCLUDED "DEADLOCK" AND REFERENCE TO ABSENCE OF "CONCRETE RESULTS." THE CANADIAN RATIONALE WAS THAT PEREZ-GUERRERO NEEDED HELP WITH G-77 ON THE EVE OF COLOMBO AND THAT HELPING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO CO-CHAIRMAN REQUIRED FLEXIBILITY IN SWALLOWING A FORMULATION THE WESTERN DELS DID NOT LIKE. IN ANY CASE, THEY DID NOT CONSIDER AN ECOSOC RESOLUTION TO BE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE AS TO RISK A MAJOR FIGHT WITH LDCS.

3. WHILE THE GERMAN AND JAPANESE WERE TOUGH, THE JAPANESE TRACK RECORD AT STANDING UP TO PRESSURE IS NOT GOOD. THE GERMANS, WHILE TOUGH, ARE BOXED IN BY THE EC-9 SYSTEM. THE FRENCH DECIDED TO LET OTHERS DECIDE FOR THEM THE UK WANTED AN ATTEMPT AT CONSENSUS.

4. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE OUT THE TEXT WITH THE UK TAKING THE LEAD. THE UK, ON BEHALF OF THE NINE, AGREED TO SUPPORT US STRONGLY IN GETTING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NON-CIEC PARTS OF THE RESOLUTION TO WHICH WE HAD OBJECTED.

5. THE NET OF TWO DRAFTING SESSIONS WITH THE G-77 IS THE TEXT REPRODUCED IN PARAGRAPH EIGHT BELOW. WHILE CONFIDENTIAL

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IT SOUNDS SLIGHTLY INCREDIBLE, THE G-77 THEREAFTER CAUCUSED FOR TWO HOURS ACCUSING THEIR OWN NEGOTIATORS (PRIMARILY IRAN AND PAKISTAN) OF HAVING "CAPITULATED." NIGERIA AND JAMAICA CAUSED MUCH OF THE TROUBLE.

6. THE TEXTUAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM OUR STANDPOINT CAN BEST BE SEEN BY COMPARING THE RESOLUTION WITH THE ORIGINAL G-77 TEXT IN REFTEL D. PLEASE NOTE THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE NO LONGER EXPLICITLY POINTS THE FINGER AT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND, INDEED, CAN BE READ AS ALSO COVERING SHORTFALLS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY PERFORMANCE. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO GET MORE BALANCE IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2. IN

THE G-77 CAUCUS, JAMAICA THREATENED TO REJECT THE ENTIRE TEXT BECAUSE WE HAD GOTTEN THE INCLUSION OF THE PHRASE "DESPITE SOME PROGRESS IN CERTAIN AREAS." ON CIEC (OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5) WE, OF COURSE, RELIED HEAVILY ON THE CANADIANS IN DECIDING HOW FAR TO GO. THEIR JUDGMENT IS THAT PARAGRAPH FOUR HAD TO BE GIVEN THE G-77 NOW. THEY CONSIDER OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FIVE TO BE AMBIGUOUS. HOWEVER, THEY READ INTO THE "END OF 1976" DEADLINE A COMMITMENT TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD "CONCRETE RESULTS"--NOT NECESSARILY TO ACHIEVE THE CONCRETE RESULTS.

7. THE TEXT IS TO BE FORMALLY APPROVED AS A CONSENSUS DOCUMENT IN ECOSOC AUGUST 5. WE PLAN TO MAKE A STATEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN TEXT THE U.S. DELEGATION JOINS IN THE CONSENSUS ON THIS RESOLUTION AND WE SUPPORT WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE ITS CENTRAL THRUST, NAMELY, THAT WE SHOULD ALL MAKE RENEWED, VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES AND TO MOVE FORWARD--ON A PRACTICAL AND EXPEDITIOUS BASIS--IN THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY DELEGATION INTERPRETS OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSENSUS AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH OUR STRONG ATTACHMENT TO THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, AND OBJECTIVITY OF THE SECRETARIAT. WE HAD NOT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE SECRETARIAT'S CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTS, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT OTHERS DID, OUR VIEW IS THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER TOWARD CARRYING OUT THE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. THE CONSENSUS LANGUAGE, OF COURSE, COVERS MORE THAN THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, AND OUR ACCEPTANCE OF IT SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS ANY CHANGE IN OUR WELL-KNOWN VIEWS REGARDING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. LASTLY, WITH REGARD TO THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WE FOR OUR PART, PREFER TO LOOK FORWARD TO OVERCOMING THE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE EMERGED SO THAT THE WORK DONE IN THE ANALYTICAL PHASE CAN BEAR ITS FRUIT IN CONTRIBUTING TO CONCRETE AND BALAMVEFFLP5;7)5 .

8. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION: QUOTE

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2626 (XXV) ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT

DECADE, 3201 (S-VI) ON THE DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, 3202 (S-VI) ON THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, 3281 (XXIX) ON THE CHARGER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, 3362 (S-VI) ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND 3517 (XXX) ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,

NOTING WITH CONCERN THE VIEW OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THAT SOME OF THE DOCUMENTATION PREPARED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING THE WORLD ECONOMIC SURVEY, 1975 (E/5790 AND ADD.1, E/5827) IS NOT FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT AND DIRECTIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

TAKING NOTE OF THE SUMMARY OF DATA RELATING TO PERFORMANCE UNDER  
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THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (E/5827), THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ON ITS TWELFTH SESSION(E/5793), THE PROGRESS REPORT BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION ON THE RESPONSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) (E/5803/ADD.1), AND THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (A/31/107 AND CORR.1),

FURTHER TAKING NOTE OF THE ORAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE FOURTH  
SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE (E/5870),

1. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN THAT, DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS SHORTFALLS IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICY MEASURES SPECIFIED IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS ELABORATED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3517 (XXX);

2. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN, DESPITE SOME PROGRESS IN CERTAIN AREAS, AT THE SLOW PACE OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES SPECIFIED IN THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS AND AT THE LIMITED NATURE OF AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT;

3. URGES THEREFORE ALL COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE GOALS

IN ALL SECTORS, AND TO AGREE ON CONCRETE AND URGENT SOLUTIONS TO THE PENDING ISSUES, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE RELEVANT DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER; -- (WITH INITIAL LETTERS IN LOWER CASE)

4. EXPRESSES CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT IN THIS CONTEXT AT THE DEADLOCK CURRENTLY REACHED IN THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION TOGETHER WITH THE LACK OF CONCRETE RESULTS SO FAR IN  
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THE CONFERENCE;

5. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE DEADLOCK WILL BE PROMPTLY OVERCOME AND THAT RAPID PROGRESS WILL BE MADE TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CONCRETE RESULTS BY THE END OF 1976, AND ALSO BEARS IN MIND THE ONGOING WORK ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

6. CALLS UPON ALL COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DURING THE REMAINING TIME OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO HELP OFFSET THE SHORTFALLS RECORDED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE DECADE;

7 URGES THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT TO RESPOND FULLY TO UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS AND TO ENSURE THAT DOCUMENTATION PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF THE RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE TEXTS;

8. URGES MEMBER STATES, IN VIEW OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK, TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO MAKE THE EXERCISE PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3517 (XXX) A SUCCESSFUL ONE.END QUOTE CATTO  
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